I'VE BEEN AWAY FROM TOKYO FOR THREE MONTHS, HUH.
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BUT TO THINK HE'D USE A METEOR SUMMONING SPELL! ONLY THAT IDIOT WOULD DO SOMETHING THAT STUPID!
MY RAFT WAS CARRIED TOWARD OKHOTSK AND TRAPPED IN THE SEA ICE. EMBARRASSING.
HUH?

DOESN'T FEEL LIKE A DOG OR A CAT...
ALRIGHT, WHO'S THERE? YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM ME.
EXPLO-SION STAFF!

HOW'S THAT?! AHAHAHA! IMBECILE!
NOBODY.
DAMMIT! IT'S SO FRUS-TRATING!
WHERE THE HELL DID HE GO?
WAS HE ABLE TO AVOID MY LIGHTNING? NO WAY.

YOU DETECTED SOME MOVEMENT, HUH.
SOMEONE WAS RIGHT HERE!
AHHH, SO IT WAS YOU! YOU'RE MAKING A FOOL OUT OF ME!
WHAT IN BLAZES ARE YOU ON ABOUT?
HEY! YOU'RE MISS KABLOOIE, AREN'T YOU? WHAT'S THIS RUCKUS?!
WOW. FROM THE TITLES, THOSE SOUND LIKE MAJOR EVENTS.
ANYHOW, WHILE YOU'VE BEEN GONE, WE'VE EXPERIENCED "THE MAGICAL FOSSIL EMPIRE INCIDENT," "THE DESTRUCTION OF S.C.E.B.A.I.," "THE CURIOUS AFFAIR OF THE SECRET HERETICAL SHINTO" AND SO ON.
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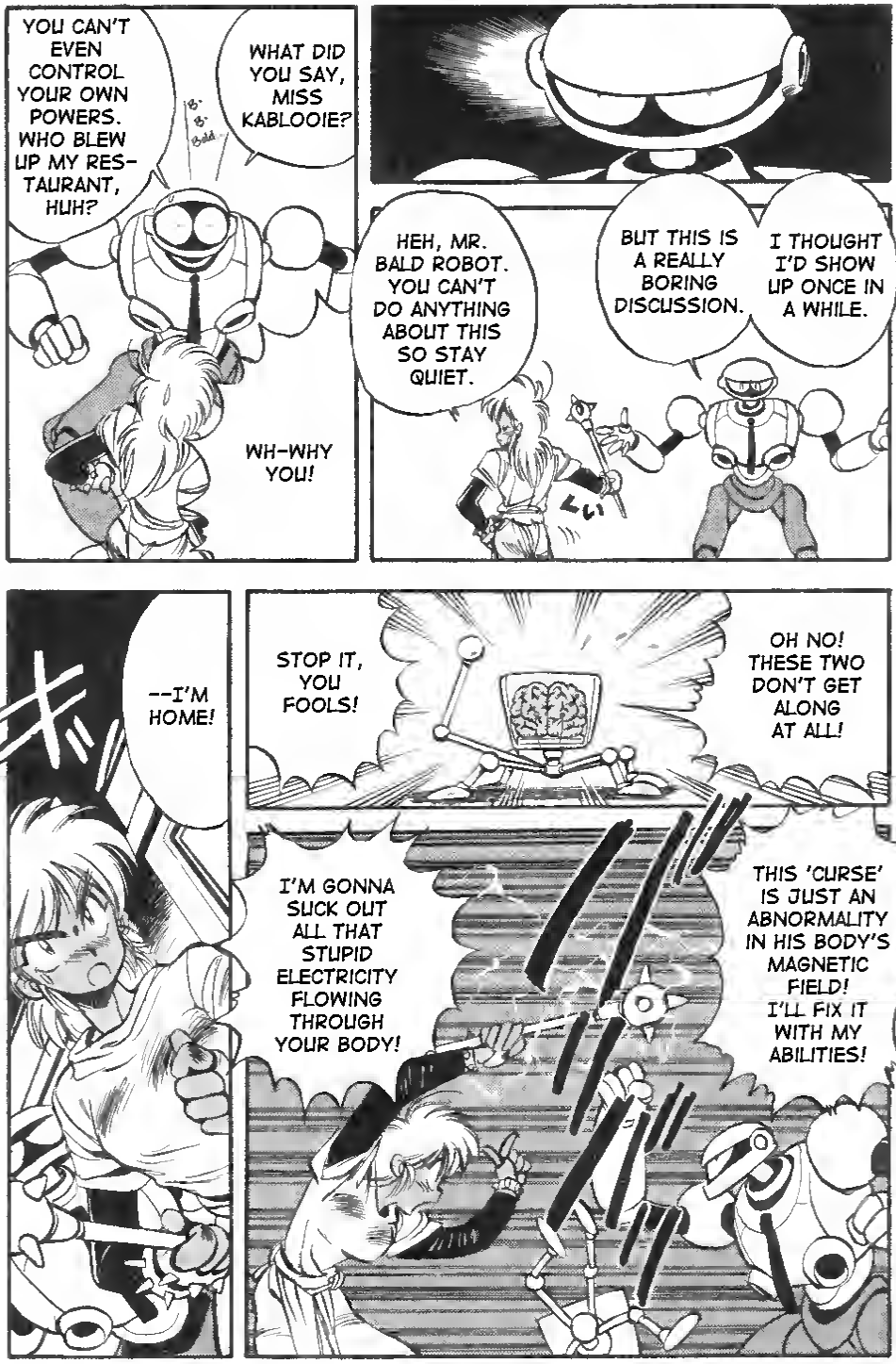
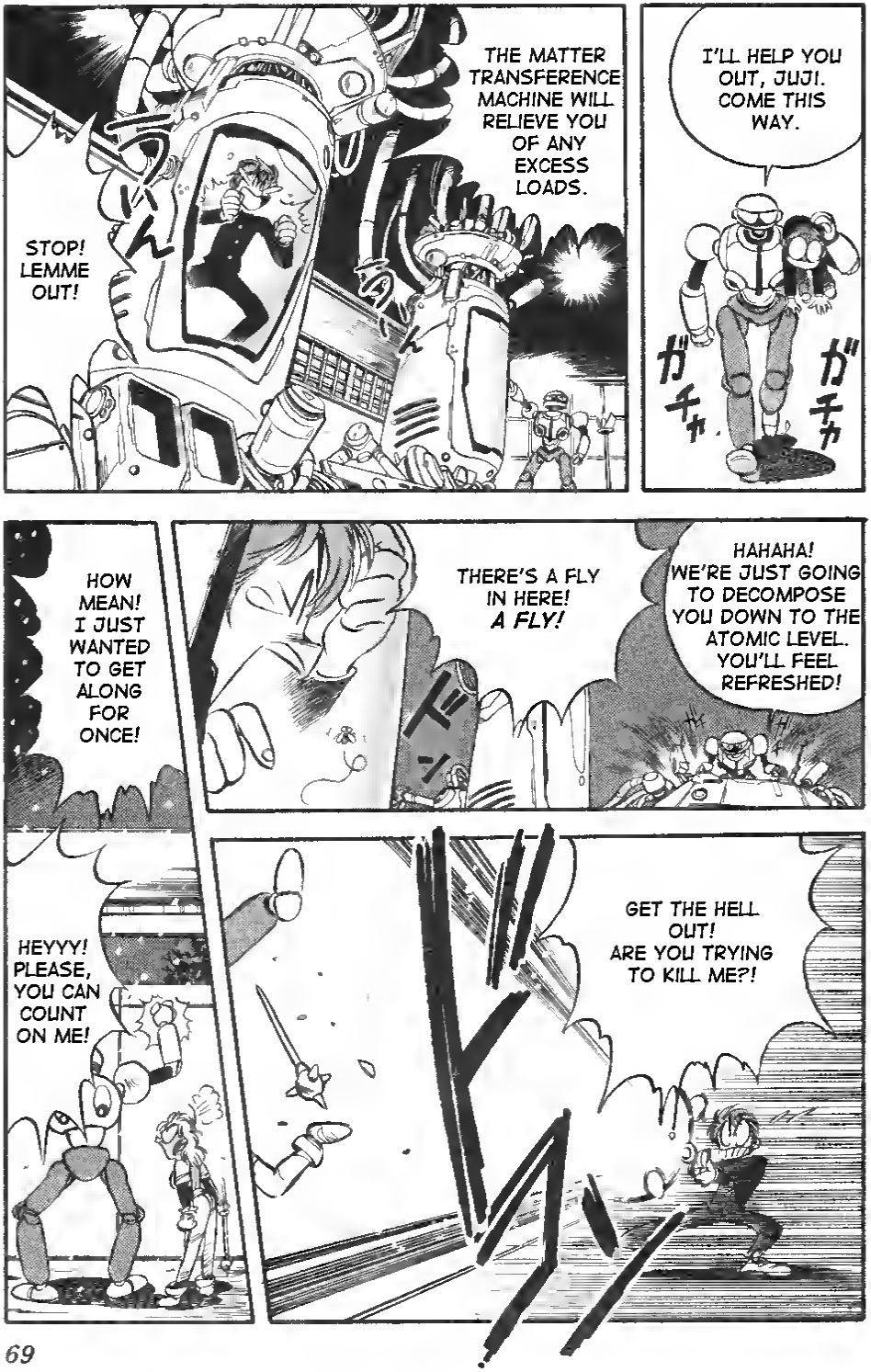
DOES THE GUY FROM JUST NOW PORTEND SOMETHING SIMILAR?

(Godoh)

I SEE.
THAT IS TO SAY, THANKS TO THAT LINEAGE, THE CURSE ON ME WAS RENDERED HARMLESS. JUJI IS AN INHERITOR AS WELL.
MY WIFE ELENA WAS DESCENDED FROM A LINE OF ANCIENT SHINTO PRAC-TITIONERS IN NARA, DATING BACK TO HEIAN TIMES.
WOW! THIS IS A SURPRISE!
SO THAT'S WHY YOU WERE ALL "I DUNNO" ABOUT STOPPING THE CURSE.


YOU CAN'T EVEN CONTROL YOUR OWN POWERS. WHO BLEW UP MY RESTAURANT, HUH?
WHAT DID YOU SAY, MISS KABLOOIE?
WH-WHY YOU!
HEH, MR. BALD ROBOT. YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THIS SO STAY QUIET.
BUT THIS IS A REALLY BORING DISCUSSION.
I THOUGHT I'D SHOW UP ONCE IN A WHILE.
--I'M HOME!
STOP IT, YOU FOOLS!
OH NO! THESE TWO DON'T GET ALONG AT ALL!
I'M GONNA SUCK OUT ALL THAT STUPID ELECTRICITY FLOWING THROUGH YOUR BODY!
THIS 'CURSE' IS JUST AN ABNORMALITY IN HIS BODY'S MAGNETIC FIELD! I'LL FIX IT WITH MY ABILITIES!

LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME! I'LL USE THE MAGICAL COUNTERMEASURES I'VE BEEN POLISHING FOR FOUR MONTHS!
AHAHAHA! WELCOME HOME, JUJI!
HUHHHH?! AZELL?! LEMME TAKE OFF MY SHOES, OKAY?
AW MAN, THE SNOW IS GETTING PRETTY FIERCE.
HMMMM! HERE WE GO!
ACK!
GOOD-NESS, HOW HORRI-FYING.
DWAHH! GWEHH!


THE MATTER TRANSFERENCE MACHINE WILL RELIEVE YOU OF ANY EXCESS LOADS.
STOP! LEMME OUT!
I'LL HELP YOU OUT, JUJI. COME THIS WAY.
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HOW MEAN! I JUST WANTED TO GET ALONG FOR ONCE!
THERE'S A FLY IN HERE! A FLY!
HAHAHA! WE'RE JUST GOING TO DECOMPOSE YOU DOWN TO THE ATOMIC LEVEL. YOU'LL FEEL REFRESHED!
HEYYY! PLEASE, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!
GET THE HELL OUT! ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL ME?!

TOMORROW IS VALENTINE'S DAY. A WHOLE BEVY OF GIRLS WANTS ME TO TEACH THEM HOW TO MAKE CHOCOLATES.
HMPH! I'M FINISHED WITH THAT FOR TODAY! I'VE GOT OTHER BUSINESS.
IT'S YOUR DAMN FAULT FOR SCARING HIM.
VALENTINE'S DAY? WHAZZAT?
I LOVE YOU
YOU HAVEN'T HEARD ABOUT IT? IT'S A DAY WHERE GIRLS GIVE CHOCOLATES TO BOYS. CUSTOMARILY IT'S A DECLARATION OF LOVE. POPULAR BOYS GET A LOT OF CHOCOLATES. MUST BE FUN!
AHAHAHA! THIS IS GREAT! GOAT, I'LL ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE!
IS IT A SORT OF MAGIC CHARM?
HMM... GIVING GIFTS TO BOYS, HUH.

SHE MUST BE UP TO NO GOOD. I WON'T LET THAT GIRL TAKE ME BY SURPRISE THOUGH.
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING, AZELL?
AHAHA... I SCORCHED THE CHOCOLATE I WAS MAKING, AND BURNED MY HAND TOO.
WHY, HELLO MS. PRINCIPAL! FANCY RUNNING INTO YOU HERE. BUT WHAT'S THAT BANDANGE ON YOUR HAND! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
TAKE CARE, MS. PRINCIPAL!

HEY MISTER! GIMME TWENTY OF WHATEVER'S FRESHEST!
EEEK, LOOK AT THIS! IT'S SOOO CUTE!
DON'T BE SILLY... THESE ARE GIFTS FOR EVERYONE.
WOW, YOU SURE BOUGHT A LOT! JUJI'S TEETH ARE GOING TO FALL APART.
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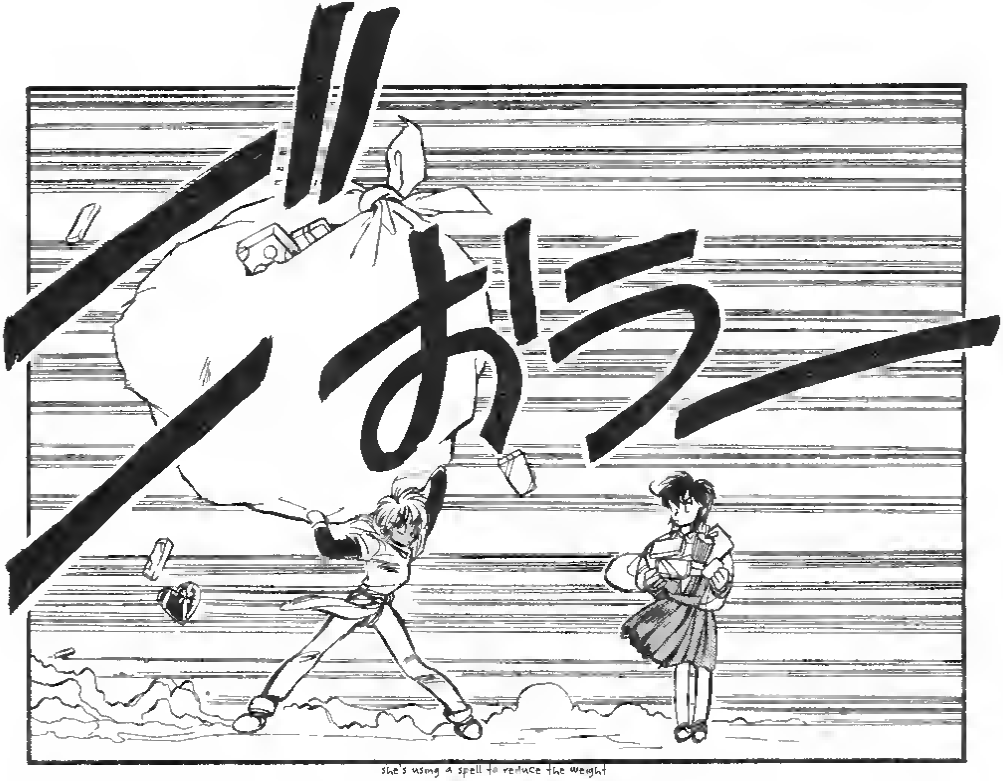
GASP!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she's using a spell to reduce the weight

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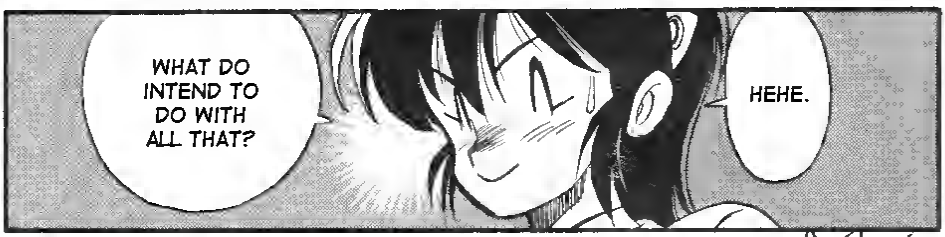
WHAT DO INTEND TO DO WITH ALL THAT?
HEHE.

OH.

I'M GOING TO GIVE JUJI THE ULTIMATE CHOCOLATE, Y'SEE.

ARGH! HEY!
WELL, WHATEVER. THE INGREDIENTS ARE THE IMPORTANT PART. SEEYA.
WHY YOU! DON'T MAKE FUN OF MAGIC!
PUTTING IN THINGS LIKE BAT'S WINGS WOULD SUIT YOU QUITE WELL.
HOW AGGRAVATING! I'M IRRITATED FOR SOME REASON.
THEN I SHALL PROVIDE YOU WITH SPECIALLY-MADE CHOCOLATE.
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MANDRAKE ROOT!
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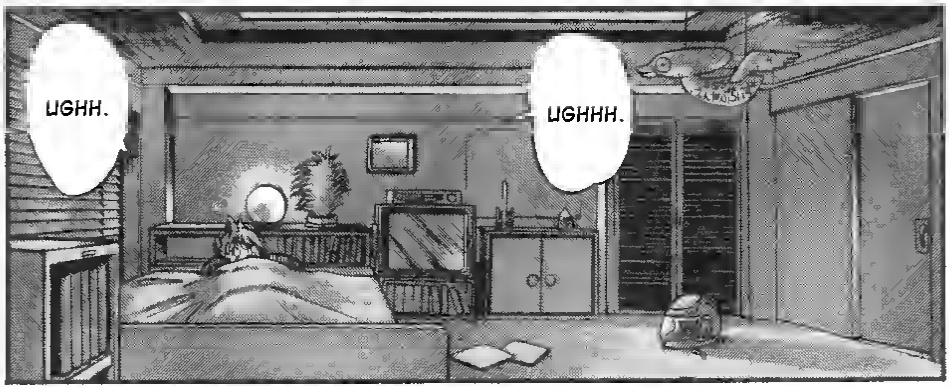
where is this?

IF JUJI'S CURSE IS AS POWERFUL AS THEY SAY, I'M GOING TO NEED TO BRING SOME EQUALLY POWERFUL RITUAL MAGIC TO BEAR.
IT'S GOOD THAT THERE'S THIS VALENTINE RITUAL THING. I EXPECT I'LL BE ABLE TO GET A LEVEL FIFTEEN BLESSING OUT OF THIS.
WELL, EVERYBODY! ARE YOU READY TO TAKE NOTES?!
Goat-style Chocolate
Ingredients Flutonium Salt Sugar
WITH MY FIVE AND A HALF BILLION YEARS OF WISDOM, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE DOWN ANY MAN!
HEH HEH! JUJI WON'T NOTICE IT IF IT'S INSIDE FOOD.
NOW... BEHOLD THE CREATION OF THE CHOCOLATE OF LEGEND! JUJI NEED ONLY TOSS ONE PIECE IN HIS MOUTH AND...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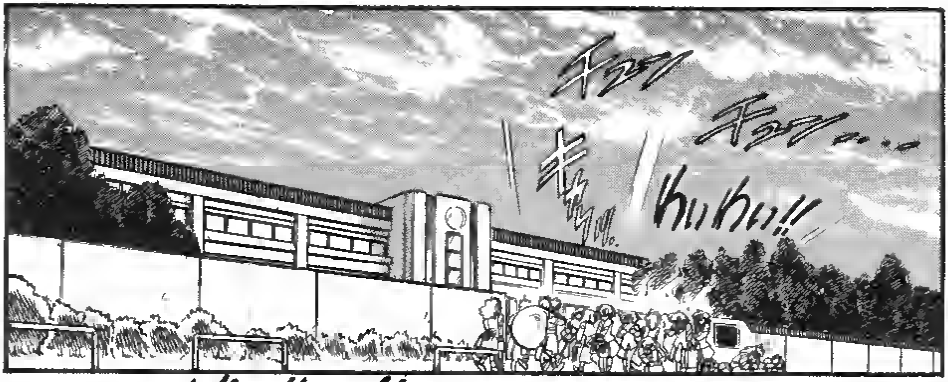
UGHHH.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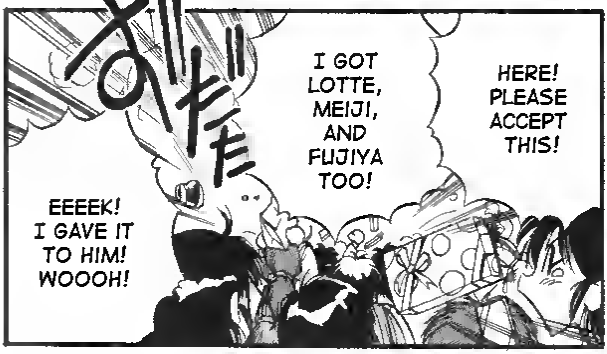
ORTHODOX! SHOE LOCKER SHOT!
EEEK! I'M FIRST IN LINE!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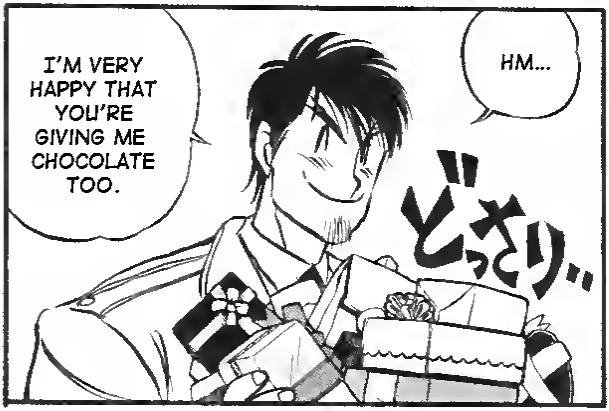
I GOT LOTTE, MEIJI, AND FUJIYA TOO!
HERE! PLEASE ACCEPT THIS!
EEEEK! I GAVE IT TO HIM! WOOOH!

MY, WHY'S EVERYONE SO EARLY TODAY.
EEEK! IT'S MR. KOHRYU!


I'M VERY HAPPY THAT YOU'RE GIVING ME CHOCOLATE TOO.
HM...
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WH-WH-WHY DOES HE GET SO MUCH?
STAND ASIDE, SENSEI!
AND NOW FOR JUJI!
HEEHEE, THAT MAN BOUGHT SOME!
UGH, HOW THEY LAUGH! UN... UNFOR-GIVEABLE!
UNFOR-GIVEABLE!
INDIRECT AS IT MAY BE, HE HAS INSULTED ME! GODOH... YOU SHALL PAY FOR THIS WITH YOUR LIFE!

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WAIT A SECOND, IS THIS REALLY GOING TO BE OKAY? THERE'S WEIRD SMOKE COMING OUT.
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Goat's special nuclear magnetic resonance chocolate!
COME NOW! ARE YOU GOING TO LET AZELL HAVE HERS EATEN FIRST?!
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WHY ARE YOU BEING SO PUSHY?
YEAH... AND IT WAS DELI-CIOUS...
OF COURSE! WE TRIED A PIECE YESTERDAY, RIGHT?

IN THAT CASE, YOU CAN LEAVE IT TO ME. IF THIS IS THE LAST TIME, IT'S NOT SO SCARY.
ITS EFFECTS AREN'T LIMITED TO HIS PERSONALITY. THE EFFICACY IS QUITE IMPRESSIVE!
THE PROBABILITY THAT STRANGE EVENTS HAPPEN WILL BE SUPREMELY REDUCED.
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JUJI! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
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GODOH-KUN!
IT... IT'S YOU!
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AHHH! AZELL!

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU TWO DOING?
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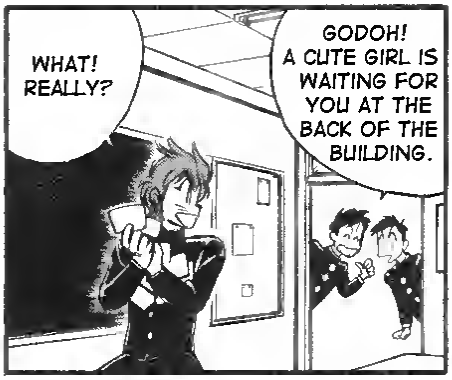
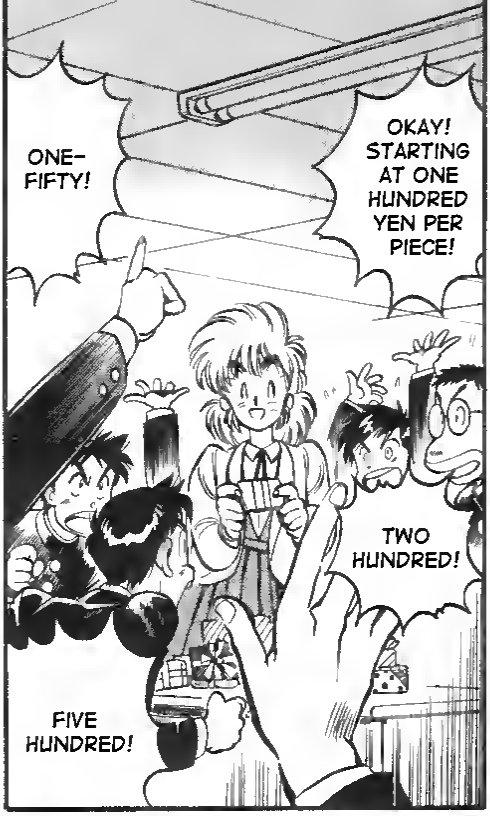
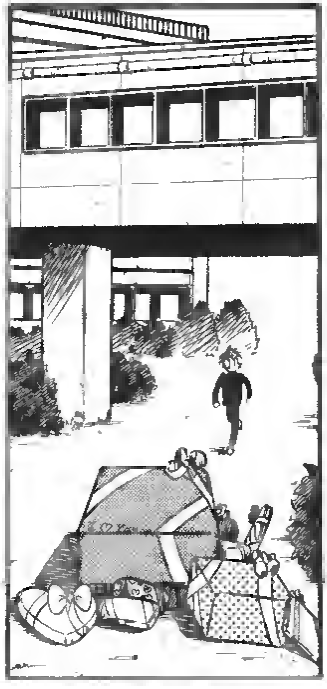
THAT'S MY LINE!
HEY! GO AWAY!
WHAT?! I'M THERE!
YO, HAVE YOU HEARD? SINCE ASOU IS GRADUATING THIS YEAR, SHE'S AUCTIONING OFF HER CHOCOLATE.
AH, JUJI!
THAT IDIOT! COME BACK, SAKUMI!
YAA!
HMPH!


WHAT! REALLY?
GODOH! A CUTE GIRL IS WAITING FOR YOU AT THE BACK OF THE BUILDING.

WAHAHA! ON A DAY LIKE THIS, WE CAN SHOW OUR TRUE COLORS!
NICELY DONE, FELLOWS.


ONE-FIFTY!
OKAY! STARTING AT ONE HUNDRED YEN PER PIECE!
TWO HUNDRED!
FIVE HUNDRED!

"DEAR MR. GODOH, I WAS TOO EMBARRASSED TO GIVE YOU THESE IN PERSON, BUT PLEASE EAT THEM FIRST. FROM, K-KO."
OHH, WHAT PURITY OF FEELING!



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THIS... CONTAINS AN ANAES-THETIC!
UGH!
WELL ANYWAY! THANKS FOR THE CHOCO-LATE!
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HAHAHA! I GOT YA, JUJI!
NOW STAND THERE ALL DAY LIKE A STATUE!
PHEW... WAS THERE SOMEBODY HERE JUST NOW?!
I'M TIRED OUT, AZELL! WHY DON'T WE CALL A TRUCE?

HEY, JUJI! DON'T IGNORE US, SAY SOMETHING!
MGAA!
ALRIGHT, JUJI! EAT THIS!
WH... WHOA! IT FAILED!
WH- WHAT THE HECK?!
I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!
DON'T BE ANGRY, JUJI! SEEYA!

wobble
WA HA HA! THIS IS A MOST PLEASANT OUTCOME!

THAT'S BECAUSE THE RASCAL HAS INCREDIBLY GOOD LUCK.
I SEE THAT HE'S STILL ALIVE.
BUT BESIDES PUTTING HIS WEALTH INTO THE GRIFFITH FOUNDATION, AND PROTECTING THE *FORTUNER*, ROGER DOESN'T PLAY MUCH OF A ROLE...
HE AND ROGER HAVE A RATHER VIGOROUS BLOOD-LINE.
I'VE BEEN CHASING THAT KIND OF POWER FOR THE LAST TEN MONTHS.
NO, RATHER, HE'S *CHOSEN* NOT TO. HE COULD THROW OFF THE BALANCE OF POWER ON THE EARTH IF HE WANTED.

JUJI! AND YOU TOO, ROGER! I'LL FINALLY SHOW YOU THE TRUE EXTENT OF MY ABILITIES!
HAHAHA! IT'LL WORK THIS TIME! I KNOW IT WILL!
INSUFFICIENT AS IT MAY BE, YOU NEED MY STRENGTH, DO YOU NOT?
FROM WHAT I CAN TELL, YOU DON'T HAVE ANYONE BACKING YOU UP.
WHAT'S MORE, YOU CAN'T BE SURE THAT I'M YOUR ALLY.
HMM! MY MY, YOU ARE AN IMPATIENT ONE, AREN'T YOU.
IT'S CURRENTLY BEING SIMULATED ON THE COMPUTER SYSTEM.
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
IF YOU ARE WILLING TO LEND ME YOUR SUPPORT, THEN YOU MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW.
MR. KOHRYU, GIVEN YOUR DEGREE OF INTELLI-GENCE...

THESE ARE... PLANS FOR A SPACESHIP?!
ITS NAME WILL BE
THE BLACK DRAGON!